

TOURETTE'S SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

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Please join the **TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS**, along with the hundreds of thousands of families affected by Tourette's syndrome, to raise awareness of this much misunderstood and misdiagnosed neurological disorder.

Tourette's syndrome (T.S.) is a complex neurological disorder characterized by motor and vocal tics. Symptoms begin in childhood and cause those affected to make movements and noises they cannot control. While not life-threatening, TS is nonetheless often painful, disruptive and isolating. Many with T.S. also have associated conditions such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and/or learning disabilities. While it is believed to be genetic, the exact cause of the symptoms is still unknown.

Studies indicate up to 2% of the population, with approximately 1 in every 100 school age boys and 1 in every 300-400 school age girls, may have Tourette's. Although symptoms usually diminish in adulthood, T.S. is considered a lifelong disorder.